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February 28, 2006

Barrick Gold of North America, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Rocky Chase
136 East South Temple, Suite 1300
Salt Lake City, UT 84147-2410

Dear Mr. Chase:

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, in its regularly scheduled hearing of February 22, 2006, reviewed nominations for 2005 Earth Day Awards. I'm pleased to inform you that the board has selected a nomination concerning Barrick's reclamation efforts at North Alice, Mercur and Ophir. Lynn Kunzler of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining submitted the nomination.

I invite you, or a representative, to present to the board during its hearing on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, a formal presentation detailing Barrick's work on these projects. Presentations will be made in the Department of Natural Resources auditorium at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. Visitor parking is available in front of the building.

Presentations should be limited to 10 minutes or less, however, the form of the presentation is entirely at your discretion and may include video, still photography, slides, handouts, etc. In order to coordinate introductions and audio-visual support requirements it is necessary that you contact Jim Springer at (801) 538-5324 at your earliest convenience.

Presentations begin at 8:30 a.m. and proceed in the following order:

1. National Energy Foundation
2. Bill Barrett Corporation
3. Hewitt Energy Group
4. Newfield Production Co.
5. Canyon Fuel Co, Skyline Mine
6. Canyon Fuel Co., SUFCO Mine
7. Energy West Mining Co.
8. Plateau Mining Corp.
9. Barrick Gold of North America, Inc.
10. Nelco Contractors
11. Simplot Phostphate, LLC

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We look forward to hearing of your accomplishments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. James Peacock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

J. James Peacock
Chairman, Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

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cc: Mark Mesch
Lynn Kunzler